

Wednesday, January 27, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1017–S1068

Measures Introduced: Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 313–316. **Page S1021**

Impeachment of President Clinton: Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, continued consideration of the articles of impeachment against William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States, taking the following action: **Pages S1017–18**

By 44 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 4), Senate rejected the Byrd motion to dismiss the impeachment proceedings against William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States. **Pages S1017–18**

By 56 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 5), Senate agreed to the House of Representatives motion for the appearance of witnesses at a deposition and to admit evidence not in the record. **Page S1018**

Senate will continue to sit as a Court of Impeachment on Thursday, January 28, 1999.

Communications: **Pages S1018–21**

Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S1021–27**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S1027–28**

Additional Statements: **Pages S1028–33**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—5) **Pages S1017–18**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 1:07 p.m., and adjourned at 4:47 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Thursday, January 28, 1999.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 4, to improve pay and retirement equity for members of the Armed Forces, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

BUDGET PROCESS REFORM

Committee on the Budget/Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committees concluded joint hearings on S. 92,

to provide for biennial process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government, and S. 93, to improve and strengthen the budget process, after receiving testimony from Senator McCain; Representatives Nussle and Cardin; Timothy J. Muris, George Mason University School of Law, Fairfax, Virginia; and Martha H. Phillips, The Concord Coalition, and Van Doorn Ooms, Committee for Economic Research, both of Washington, D.C.

OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS ACTIVITY IMPACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the impacts of coastal areas and communities caused by offshore oil and gas exploration and development, and on S. 25, to provide Coastal Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments of 1978, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people, after receiving testimony from Alaska State Representative Jim Whitaker, Fairbanks; James I. Palmer, Jr., Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Jackson; Donald F. Oltz, Geological Survey of Alabama, Tuscaloosa; Jack C. Caldwell, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Baton Rouge; and Mark Van Putten, National Wildlife Federation, Vienna, Virginia.

TRADE POLICY

Committee on Finance: Committee continued hearings on trade policy issues affecting the services sector, international investments, agricultural trade, housing costs, and the steel industry, receiving testimony from Gary G. Benanav, New York Life International Inc., New York, New York; Calman J. Cohen, Emergency Committee for American Trade, and Franklin D. Raines, Fannie Mae, both of Washington, D.C.; Dean Kleckner, American Farm Bureau Federation, Parkridge, Illinois; George Becker,

United Steelworkers of America, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; J. Peter Kelly, LTV Steel Company, Cleveland, Ohio; and Richard K. Riederer, Weirton Steel Corporation, Weirton, West Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

IMF REFORM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export, and Trade Promotion met to receive a briefing on International Monetary Fund reform issues, including transparency, accountability, market-based loans, private sector burden-sharing, and policy improvement from Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

SATELLITE/CABLE COMPETITION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition concluded

hearings to examine the competitive implications of Echostar's proposed purchase of the MCI orbital satellite slot, after receiving testimony from Decker Anstrom, National Cable Television Association, and Gene Kimmelman, Consumers Union, both of Washington, D.C.; and Charles W. Ergen, Echostar Communications Corporation, Littleton, Colorado.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 280, to provide for education flexibility partnership, with an amendment.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Special Committee on Aging: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 106th Congress.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session. It will reconvene at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 2.

Committee Meetings

STATE AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION REFORMS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on Straight Talk: Leadership in State and Community Education Reforms. Testimony was heard from Senator Voinovich and Tom Ridge, Governor, State of Pennsylvania.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: January 28, Subcommittee on Defense, with the Subcommittee on Foreign Oper-

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Committee on Armed Services: January 28, to hold hearings, in open and closed (SR-222) sessions, on United States policy on Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Budget: January 28, to hold hearings on the United States long-term fiscal outlook, 8:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: January 28, to hold oversight hearings on the state of the petroleum industry, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Finance: January 28, to continue hearings on U.S. trade policy issues, focusing on labor and environmental standards, 9:15 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on the Judiciary: January 28, to hold hearings on S. 247, to amend title 17, United States Code, to reform the copyright law with respect to satellite retransmissions of broadcast signals, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing on Implementing School Reform in the States and Communities, 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

1 p.m., Thursday, January 28

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 2

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue to sit as a Court of Impeachment to consider the articles of impeachment against President Clinton.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday, February 2: To be announced.



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